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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ASSESS THE INCIDENCE OF  
ALCOHOL-RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND ALCOHOL-RELATED  
INJURIES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MEDICAL COSTS.

1           WHEREAS, alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents and  
2 alcohol-related injuries are a persistent problem in the State;  
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5           WHEREAS, these accidents and injuries have a devastating  
6 impact on victims, their families, and society in general; and  
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8           WHEREAS, providing medical treatment to the victims of  
9 alcohol-related accidents and alcohol-related injuries can also  
10 be very costly; and  
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12           WHEREAS, these accidents and injuries are almost always  
13 preventable; and  
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15           WHEREAS, there is a need to better understand the number,  
16 impact, and cost of alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents and  
17 alcohol-related injuries in the State; and  
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19           WHEREAS, quantifying the effects of these accidents and  
20 injuries will help demonstrate the need for enhanced prevention  
21 efforts and to prepare for and address their associated  
22 financial costs; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
27 Health is requested to assess the incidence of alcohol-related  
28 motor vehicle accidents and alcohol-related injuries in the  
29 State and their associated medical costs; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii John  
2 A. Burns School of Medicine is requested to collaborate with the  
3 Department of Health for purposes of assessing the incidence of  
4 alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents and alcohol-related  
5 injuries in the State and their associated medical costs; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the police department of each  
8 county is requested to assist the Department of Health in  
9 providing statistics of alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents  
10 and alcohol-related injuries in each of their respective  
11 counties; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
14 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
17 the Regular Session of 2016; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
21 the Dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of  
22 Medicine, and the Police Chief of each county.

